

Minutes

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Tuesday April 24, 2012

Attendance: Gloria Bent, Jane Blanshard, Christina Colon-Semenza, Fred Goetz, Stephanie Holinko , Jennifer Tanner, Kathy Easley (staff), Kevin Gruenwald, (staff)

Regrets: Wade Gibbs, Donna Korbel

Approval of the Minutes for February 28, 2012. Moved J. Blanshard, seconded C. Colon- Semenza

New Business:

a. Membership:

S. Holinko will be attending graduate school in the fall. Her last meeting will be in June. K. Grunwald noted that Joan Dorion is interested in serving on the commission.

b. Other:

The group agreed to the addition to the agenda of discussion of transportation issues as suggested by G. Bent. She noted that three town advisory committees (MACNPD, MAC and the Commission on Aging) have all expressed concern on public transportation and suggested MACNPD work to bring them together to explore common areas of focus. J. Blanshard will raise the issue on our behalf at the Human Services Advisory Committee where all three groups are represented

Old Business

a. CT Family Empowerment Network Presentation was reviewed and the possibility of future events was

discussed. C. Colon-Semenza suggested the committee try to determine the number of families with children with disabilities in the community.

b. Review of ADA grievance.

K. Grunwald distributed the committee's response to the grievance brought in January. Discussion of ADA issues in general followed.

c. Accessibility issues previously identified:

K. Grunwald shared a letter drafted to Rep. Courtney asking for suggestions as to how the post office accessibility issue can be resolved.

Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting May 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Bent, recording secretary